

Dear Sirs:

I strongly oppose the Broad Band Powerline Communications Program now under consideration. This is a totally unnecessary technology that opens up the potential and likely destruction of the high frequency spectrum as we know it today.

In this time of uncertainty with world terrorism and many natural disasters frequently causing disruption in public and private communications systems, we need to preserve the availability of the HF spectrum for local, interstate and international communications. This proposed technology is NOT needed. How many more ways do we need to provide what is becoming essentially a toy for kids to download bootlegged music files and a mass commercial e-mail marketing device (SPAM).

My city here in rural Utah already has available internet over phone lines (dialup), high speed internet over cable TV lines and high speed internet over wireless, not even taking into account the direct broadcast satellite access to internet service. Other areas of the country likely have all these same options. If not these should be utilized long before one with such a large impact on radio spectrum users. There is no need for another internet access option, especially one like this that WILL cause actual harm to licensed radio services. That HAS been proven. The real effects of interference across the entire HF spectrum are just too big a risk to take. Please don't let this one occur on your watch. Public safety interests should outweigh the public entertainment value of having another access point for what has essentially become America's latest "fad" (the internet). Your public service radio, i.e. ham radio has been around through many other "fads" and still provide voluntary public service communications for our fellow citizens. Please don't sell this long history out by approving this unneeded technology. Just because we CAN do something doesn't mean we SHOULD do it. This is one that should never happen.

The type of interference to existing broadcast, military and amateur services already using this spectrum will be unbearable as has been shown in areas where it has been tested and implemented. If this technology is approved for use that interference will be because you let it happen. If that interference precludes the use of HF spectrum during an earthquake or other similar disaster, I sure hope it is not my family who could have been helped had the Amateur Radio Service "hams" been able to communicate but couldn't just because the FCC put the wishes of kids wanting another way to download bootleg music and instant chatting online. Please put our country's priorities back into reality. Vote NO on this ridiculous proposal which is a YES vote to America's safety.

Thank you:

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